

**Nature Study for the Schools.**

The study of natural objects quickens the observation, trains the judgment, awakens interest in the home surroundings, and enables the child to interpret other scenes in terms of his own environment. The introduction of Nature Study into the schools, either informally or systematically, by the teachers of the State is desirable.

To assist in promoting this study of nature, the North Carolina Nature Study Society was organized in Raleigh, July 15th, of this year. The objects of the Society are to stimulate interest in nature and to promote Nature Study in the schools.

It is recommended to all teachers of the State, and no other people interested in assisting in the Nature Study movement, that they join this Nature Study Society. Four kinds of membership are provided for—patrons, \$10; honorary members, \$1; active members, 10 cents, and members at no cost. Membership of any of these grades entitles the person to all of the publications of the Society, and to the privilege of consulting the Board of Advisors upon any subject concerning which they desire information. This is a splendid opportunity to carry on, practically without any cost, under the direction of scholarly specialists, a study of the every-day world about you that will lend to every commonplace object a new meaning and a new beauty.

I know no more effective way to cultivate a sympathy for country life and an appreciation of it, than to reveal, by a study of it, its meaning and attractiveness. Quickened observation and enlarged knowledge change the commonplace and dull into objects of perennial beauty and wonder.

A number of prizes are offered, and members are invited to compete for these. This friendly competition will have a stimulating and beneficial effect upon the school work. The conditions under which these prizes will be awarded will be announced within a few days.

The officers elected for the Society are as follows:

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I recommend that every teacher in the State join this Society, and organize a local Nature Study Club in every school. A few minutes a few times a week, without books, given to this study, would not interfere even with a crowded program; in fact, it would serve as relaxation and rest for the whole school, and be like a breadth of fresh air.

A series of articles on Nature Study will be prepared by the Secretary and published in The Raleigh Progressive Farmer, one article appearing each two weeks.

All that is necessary to become a member is to apply to the secretary Prof. F. L. Stevens, A. & M. College West Raleigh, N. C., stating the grade of membership which you desire, and to forward the fee for the grade of membership you elect. If you do not care to invest ten cents in an active membership, forward your name as a member. This will cost you nothing, and will secure for you the publications of the Society and the privilege of competing for the prizes and consulting the Board of Advisors. Other benefits will also develop as the organization of the Society progresses.

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